

Amendment No. 1 to SB0215

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 215\***

**House Bill No. 811**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) If a county medical examiner investigating a death determines that the death was the result of a suicide, then the medical records, law enforcement investigative reports, 911 call recordings, photographs, and any other recordings related to the death held by any governmental agency are not public records and must not be released by a governmental agency.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision ( ) (1), a person may seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction to release the records. A court, when deciding to issue such an order, shall consider:

(A) Whether such release is necessary for the public evaluation of governmental performance;

(B) The seriousness of the intrusion into the privacy of the family members of the deceased person;

(C) Whether the release will cause the family of the deceased person to experience severe mental pain, anguish, and emotional distress; and

(D) Whether such release is the least intrusive means available.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivision ( ) (1), an immediate family member of the deceased person may have full access to the records. As used in this subdivision ( ) (3), "immediate family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, or child.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.